by the National Book Trust in New Delhi recently; and

(b) if so, what was the number of foreign countries which had participated in the fair?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Book Trust, India had organised the 9th New Delhi World Book Fair at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from February 13 to 18, 1990.

(b) Thirty foreign countries participated in the Fair.

Comuter assisted sanskrit teaching and learning

10. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sanskrit Vidya Peeth and Jawaharlal Nehru University, with the support of Department of Electronics, are working on the project "Computer assisted Sanskrit teaching|learning";

(b) if so, what is the progress made so far in this regard in each of the institutions; and

(c) what is the manner in which Sanskrit teaching and learning would be aided by the work being so done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The project on development of "Computer Assisted Sanskrit Teaching/Learning Environment" began in June, 1988 at Jawaharlal Nehru University and in November, 1989 at Lal Bahadur Shastri Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi.

Nucleus Software System has been designed which would be used in implementing the Teaching/Learning lessons and exercises. Further, two lessons, one dealing with teaching alphabets and their properties, and another dealing with Sandhis, have been designed.

(c) These proposed software packages would be available as supplementary instructional aids to facilitate drill and practice, and remedial exercises relating to sentence|text structure, vocabulary, comprehension, production and evaluation. The packages are expected to improve Sanskrit language studies and to open up new avenues for linguistic research.

Representations against President Cantonment Board, Ambala

11. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the residents of Ambala Cantonment (Haryana) and six out of seven elected members of the Cantonment Board, Ambala have submitted represntations to the Defence Minister/ Defence Secretary in November, 1989 against the President, Cantonment Board, Ambala, if so, the nature of allegations made;

(b) whether Government have investigated into the matter; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir. The nature of allegations made therein can broadly be classified as follows:—

(i) He was ignoring rules and provisions of the Cantonments Act.

(ii) He has handed over Cantt. Board development projects to MES with an ulterior motive.